



MCC[®]

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, July 27, 2014
7th Pentecost



Sail the Sea

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Live Boldly

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Sabbatical Sending Liturgy

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

**Administrative
Assistant Paula Merkel**

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Fri: 8am-12 noon



Looking for low-cost space for your birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form.** Write to office@mcclv.org for more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to email avteam@mcclv.org at least 2 weeks** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org



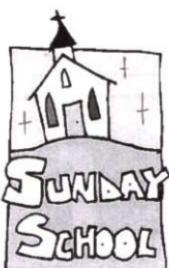
MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

10 Reasons For Sunday School (Children & Youth Spiritual Formation)

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? MCCLV offers Spiritual Formation for Children & Youth at 9:00am Sundays starting September 14. Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family:

1. **Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids receive spiritual instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
2. **Friends:** In Children & Youth Spiritual Formation, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
3. **It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disneyland, but MCCLV's teachers do work hard to teach spiritual values in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
4. **Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
5. **Foundational Bible Learning:** The curriculum is designed to give a broad view of scripture, so children and youth will have a solid Biblical foundation.
6. **Praying Teachers:** MCCLV's teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Children & Youth Spiritual Formation gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
7. **Big Reward For a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates from High School!
8. **Send the Right Message:** Making Children & Youth Spiritual Formation a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
9. **Adult Spiritual Formation:** While the children enjoy their class, you can learn with other adults in your own Adult Spiritual Formation class (also at 9:00am).
10. **You'll Be On Time:** Families who come to Children, Youth & Adult Spiritual Formation always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.



Children's Sunday School

MCCLV is excited to announce the official "kick off" of the 2014-2015 Sunday School year! The Sunday school year will officially launch on Sunday, September 14, 2014. If you have, or know of, school age children (within the age range from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade) who would benefit from this essential, spiritually formative ministry of the church please consider enrolling them. MCCLV's team of talented teachers are excited and feel privileged to provide the church's children with life forming, positive spiritual experiences! Classes begin at 9:00am every Sunday morning at MCCLV. For more information please contact children's ministry coordinator Sue Carpenter at sue.carpenter@voya.com.



Adult Spiritual Formation Forums



In addition, the Sunday morning Sunday school hour is not just for children. The Adult Spiritual Formation ministry is thrilled to be offering adult forums throughout the year. Sunday morning Adult forums begin at 9:00am as well, so, after dropping the children off in Sunday school, come be a part of the exciting and provocative discussions pertinent to the spiritual formation of adults and the life of the church. For more information please contact Robby Schotter at roddy.schotter@mcclv.org. Your ministry leaders are excited and humbled to be a part of the spiritual journeys of MCCLV's families!

Coverages During Pastor's Sabbatical

MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy is on Sabbatical during the months of August & September, 2014 (and January, 2015).

Below is a listing of coverages:

Serving as Ministry Coordinator Meetings Facilitator:

Robert Schotter (robbyschotter@mcclv.org)

Serving as Board Moderator:

Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Church-Share Point

Person:

Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Staff Meeting

Facilitator:

Brian Jones (brian.jones@mcclv.org)

Serving as Preachers:

Rev. Jen Glass, Randy D'Angelo,
Robert Schotter

Serving as Main Worship Leader:

Karl Steiner (karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Care Coordinator

(hospitalizations, home visits, etc.): Karl Steiner
(karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Weddings & Funerals Officiant:

Rev. Elaine Ely (pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)

Serving as Bulletin Editor:

Lauren Sheldon (laurenesheldon@gmail.com)

Serving as e-Listserve Editor:

Barb Colvin (bjc7500@yahoo.com)

**While
Pastor's
Away**

Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to be the place God is calling the church to be?



Meets
4th Sundays
For more information,
please see
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com or
Emma Marrero
emma.marrero@kidspeace.org



Beginner Ball Room Dance Lessons

Where: MCCLV's Fellowship Hall

When: Through Friday August 22, 2014

Time: 7:00-9:00pm



Dances include:

- Fox Trot
- Waltz
- Cha Cha
- Swing
- Polka

All are welcome you do not need a partner

Contact: Loreli Bauer - (267) 421-4436 or email
lorelibauer@aol.com

**- ASSIST YOUR CHURCH -
with its annual Pride Festival participation
Sunday, August 17**



Do you enjoy big
festivals and meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about the great
things happening at MCCLV?

Next planning meeting Today immediately following worship. Contact MCCLV's Pride Festival Coordinator Gavin Neese at: neese10@gmail.com

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MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!
To view and subscribe to our channel go to
www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.

Quote of the Week

*The best thing about the future is that it comes
a day at a time.*

(Abraham Lincoln)

LIFE LESSONS SEMINARS CONTINUE!!

MCCLV is presenting LIFE LESSON Seminars. We never know what challenges life will bring —

these seminars will prepare you for many of them.

Here is the schedule by date for the presentations:

Aug 3rd - Financial Planning

Aug 10th - Alternate Gender Presentation

Aug 17th - Alternate Gender Panel Discussion

***So Much Life! So Much to Learn!!
Bring a Friend!!!***

For more information, see Barb Baus or
email Karl Steiner,
karl.steiner@mcclv.org.



Are you in need of individual prayer?



MCCLV's Prayer Room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you.

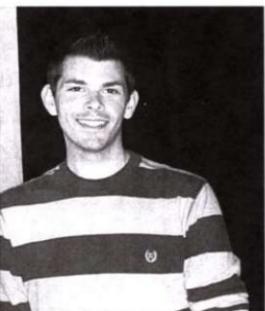
You may also email Loreli at: lorelibauer@aol.com

**Work Sundays?
Not a “morning person”?
Want more options with worship?
Don’t want to go anywhere or do
anything on a Sunday?**

**Coming February 21, 2015 @ MCCLV
Weekly Saturday Evening
5:15pm Worship Service**

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

Cheryl Wenhold and Ashley Richard are the new co-chairpersons of MCCLV's Fellowship Ministry! Praise God for their willingness to share their time, talent and treasure in this important leadership role. Cheryl and Ashley will be assessing all aspects of fellowship at MCCLV and developing a Fellowship Plan for the rest of 2014 and 2015. If you have any ideas or would like to help with fellowship events, please see Ashley or Cheryl following worship.



I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field.
(John Wesley)



FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer lorelibauer@aol.com
Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
babaus@hotmail.com
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com



FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George smgmcclv@gmail.com
Ron Smith rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com



FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.



Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

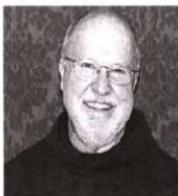
***Contact group leaders to learn more ***

MCCLV is excited about the **Adult Spiritual Formation** program beginning September 14, 2014! MCCLV is committed to fostering Adult Forums which are dialogue driven, engaging, spiritually transformative and challenging. The Adult Forums will be presenting conversational opportunities in which participants will engage with the theological insights of progressive Christian scholars and authors. Come be a part of the discussion! All are welcome. Accompanying participant guides can be purchased for each module but are not essential to participation. For more information please contact Spiritual Formation Ministry Coordinator Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org

The forums will feature filmed segments highlighting the following scholars/writers in dialog with lay audiences:



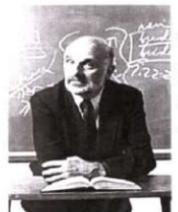
Diana Butler Bass: a historian focusing on the history of Christianity and a leading voice in progressive Christianity. Bass is currently an independent scholar who writes broadly on American religion and culture.



Richard Rohr: ordained to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church in 1970. He is an internationally known inspirational speaker and has published numerous recorded talks and books



Phyllis Tickle: an American author and lecturer whose work focuses on spirituality and religious issues.



Walter Brueggeman is an American Protestant Hebrew Scripture scholar and theologian. Brueggemann is widely considered one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the last several decades.



REV. GOUDY SABBATICAL SENDING LITURGY

July 27, 2014

INTRODUCTION

(Spiritual Formation Ministry Coordinator)

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Rev. Goudy and ask for God's blessings as the community sends her for a two-month Sabbatical. We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth both for her and for our congregation, and we ask that God bring her back to the community refreshed and nourished with God's Spirit as we continue *calling all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world.*

READINGS

(Outreach & Justice Ministry Coordinator)

A reading from Exodus: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8). And again from Exodus: I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. (Exodus 23:20)

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke: Now, more than ever, the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to out-of-the-way places and pray. (Luke 5:15-16)

SABBATICAL LEAVE-TAKING LITANY

(Board Vice Moderator & Pastor)

Vice Moderator: We pray God's best for Rev. Goudy as she begins her sabbatical and writes a book that will make a positive impact. As you take this sabbatical journey, God dwell with you while we are away from one another.

Pastor: God's blessing on all of you while I am gone from you.

Vice Moderator: God fill you with the Holy Spirit as you write and enter into a new daily pattern.

Pastor: I thank God for the ministry we share and the gracious gift of this time away.

Vice Moderator: We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journeying and that you return renewed and energized for ministry.

Pastor: I pray that you all, too, might be renewed and energized to serve in God's name.

Vice Moderator: We send you with our blessing.

Pastor: God's peace be with you as I take temporary leave to write for God and God's people.

PRAYER

(Congregational Care & Health Ministry Coordinator)

Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless Rev. Goudy during her sabbatical. Renew her for ministry through this time set aside for writing and prayerful reflection, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new understandings. Grace her with Your presence and keep her steadfast in the faith while we are gone from one from another.

Congregation: Amen

REMOVAL OF COLLAR

(Spiritual Formation Ministry Coordinator)

A primary symbol for Pastors is their collar. It points to their being set apart by the Church for spiritual leadership. Rev. Goudy's collar is now removed and placed on the pulpit where it will remain until she returns from Sabbatical. The presence of Rev. Goudy's collar will remind us of our shared Sabbatical journey and of our mutual commitment to pray for one another during this time of writing and spiritual growth.

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

(Music & Worship Director)

Congregation lifts their hands in blessing toward the Pastor

God of love, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless Rev. Goudy during this Sabbatical time. God, You fill us with every good thing and Your steadfast love endures forever. We thank You for Rev. Goudy and for our life together at MCCLV. As she departs for Sabbatical, send her forth with Your blessing, fill her with Your Spirit, and bring her again into our presence with renewed life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING

(Congregational Care & Health Ministry Coordinator)

God most high,
God with us,
God pour out love upon us!
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
bless us all now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

| Date | Presenter | Topic |
|----------|-------------------|---|
| 9/14/14 | Diana Butler Bass | Embracing Spiritual Awakening 1) Arriving |
| 9/21/14 | Diana Butler Bass | Embracing Spiritual Awakening 2) Believing |
| 9/21/14 | Diana Butler Bass | Embracing Spiritual Awakening 3) Behaving |
| 9/28/14 | Diana Butler Bass | Embracing Spiritual Awakening 4) Belonging |
| 10/5/14 | Diana Butler Bass | Embracing Spiritual Awakening 5) Awakening |
| 10/12/14 | Richard Rohr | Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 1) Atonement Theory |
| 10/19/14 | Richard Rohr | Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 2) Eco-Spirituality |
| 10/26/14 | Richard Rohr | Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 3) The Christ who Existed before Christianity |
| 11/2/14 | Richard Rohr | Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 4) Orthopraxy vs. Verbal Orthodoxy (Living Like Jesus) |
| 11/9/14 | Richard Rohr | Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 5) Mysticism over Moralism |
| 11/16/14 | Phyllis Tickle | Embracing Emergence Christianity 1) Emergence 101 |
| 11/23/14 | Phyllis Tickle | Embracing Emergence Christianity 2) Where Now Is the Authority |
| 11/30/14 | Phyllis Tickle | Embracing Emergence Christianity 3) The 20th Century and Emergence |
| 12/7/14 | Phyllis Tickle | Embracing Emergence Christianity 4) Gifts from Other Times |
| 12/14/14 | Phyllis Tickle | Embracing Emergence Christianity 5) How Then Shall We Live? |
| 12/21/14 | Phyllis Tickle | Embracing Emergence Christianity 6) Hallmarks of Emergence |

Forge is Growing

God is doing wonderful things at MCCLV! Some of the many blessings given to our community in recent years is the spiritual growth, care and fellowship that is evidenced in our small FORGE groups. For some time now we have been exploring the possibility of beginning a Spanish-speaking FORGE group. In order to proceed with this possibility, the FORGE ministry is asking that if you have an interest in participating in such a group that you contact ministry coordinator, Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org and make him aware of your interest. In addition, if you know someone who might be interested please pass the word!



Dios está haciendo cosas maravillosas en MCCLV! Algunas de las muchas bendiciones de nuestra comunidad en los últimos años es el crecimiento espiritual, la atención y la amistad que se evidencia en nuestro pequeño Forjar grupos. Desde hace algún tiempo hemos estado estudiando la posibilidad de comenzar a forjar grupo habla español. Con el fin de continuar con esta posibilidad, la forja ministerio pide que si usted tiene un interés en participar en el grupo que se ponga en contacto con coordinador del ministerio, Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org y tome conciencia de su interés. Además, si usted conoce a alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor pasar la voz!

T-Shirt Sale

We **DO** Speak Love Louder at MCCLV, so support MCCLV while you share the message.

To keep shirts as affordable as possible this style will be available in white only with "At MCCLV We Speak Love Louder" on the front and the MCCLV logo on the back.

Sizes S-XL will be \$15
(add \$1.00 per X for larger sizes).

Orders can also be placed by calling Elaine at (215) 915-4370 or email at outgayrev@yahoo.com



100% of profits will benefit MCCLV's general fund.



Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, see the Pastor.



Retirees

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in
MCCLV's Fellowship Hall
9:30 to 11:00am



Come and share comradery with
similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!



DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.



Her current hours at the church are:
Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
(other hours can be arranged upon request).
For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

Taste and see that God is good;
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in God.
(Psalm 34:8)

Silent Witness Peacekeepers Needed

July 26 - Pridefest of Central PA

August 3 - Equality Fest, York

August 10 - Pride of Northeast PA

August 17 - Lehigh Valley Pride in the Park



Visit silentwitnesspa.org:
Find more details under the
events link

MCCLV'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Open every Sunday at 12:00-1:00 PM to serve the community. The pantry is in need of donation. Drop off your items in front of the pantry door. Thank you!



Serve God In Worship

Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email brian.jones@mcclv.org for more information.

Vocal Soloist Auditions

Auditions will be held in
MCCLV's Sanctuary
August 10, 2014
12:30pm-2:00pm

Contact: Brian Jones at
brian.jones@mcclv.org



WELD at MCCLV!

Interested in making a membership commitment with Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley? Participants in MCCLV's WELD church membership process become more closely welded to God and to one another. WELD is a four-part series that is required for new members and is open to anyone wanting more information about the church. There will be an **informational session on Sunday, October 5** following Sunday morning worship. **WELD classes take place on October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00pm.**



Experience connection with God and brothers and sisters in Christ through MCCLV's WELD.

For more information see Emma Marrero or e-mail her at
autleaves@aol.com



PERCENTAGE OF GIVING CHART

| ANNUAL INCOME | 1% WEEKLY | 2% WEEKLY | 3% WEEKLY | 4% WEEKLY | 5% WEEKLY | 6% WEEKLY | 7% WEEKLY | 8% WEEKLY | 9% WEEKLY | 10% WEEKLY |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| \$ 25,000 | \$ 5 | \$ 10 | \$ 14 | \$ 19 | \$ 24 | \$ 29 | \$ 34 | \$ 38 | \$ 43 | \$ 48 |
| \$ 35,000 | \$ 7 | \$ 13 | \$ 20 | \$ 27 | \$ 34 | \$ 40 | \$ 47 | \$ 54 | \$ 61 | \$ 67 |
| \$ 45,000 | \$ 9 | \$ 17 | \$ 26 | \$ 35 | \$ 43 | \$ 52 | \$ 61 | \$ 69 | \$ 78 | \$ 87 |
| \$ 55,000 | \$ 11 | \$ 21 | \$ 32 | \$ 42 | \$ 53 | \$ 63 | \$ 74 | \$ 85 | \$ 95 | \$ 106 |
| \$ 65,000 | \$ 13 | \$ 25 | \$ 38 | \$ 50 | \$ 63 | \$ 75 | \$ 88 | \$ 100 | \$ 113 | \$ 125 |
| \$ 75,000 | \$ 14 | \$ 29 | \$ 43 | \$ 58 | \$ 72 | \$ 87 | \$ 101 | \$ 115 | \$ 130 | \$ 144 |
| \$ 85,000 | \$ 16 | \$ 33 | \$ 49 | \$ 65 | \$ 82 | \$ 98 | \$ 114 | \$ 131 | \$ 147 | \$ 163 |
| \$ 95,000 | \$ 18 | \$ 37 | \$ 55 | \$ 73 | \$ 91 | \$ 110 | \$ 128 | \$ 146 | \$ 164 | \$ 183 |
| \$ 105,000 | \$ 20 | \$ 40 | \$ 61 | \$ 81 | \$ 101 | \$ 121 | \$ 141 | \$ 162 | \$ 182 | \$ 202 |
| \$ 115,000 | \$ 22 | \$ 44 | \$ 66 | \$ 88 | \$ 111 | \$ 133 | \$ 155 | \$ 177 | \$ 199 | \$ 221 |
| \$ 125,000 | \$ 24 | \$ 48 | \$ 72 | \$ 96 | \$ 120 | \$ 144 | \$ 168 | \$ 192 | \$ 216 | \$ 240 |
| \$ 135,000 | \$ 26 | \$ 52 | \$ 78 | \$ 104 | \$ 130 | \$ 156 | \$ 182 | \$ 208 | \$ 234 | \$ 260 |
| \$ 145,000 | \$ 28 | \$ 56 | \$ 84 | \$ 112 | \$ 139 | \$ 167 | \$ 195 | \$ 223 | \$ 251 | \$ 279 |
| \$ 155,000 | \$ 30 | \$ 60 | \$ 89 | \$ 119 | \$ 149 | \$ 179 | \$ 209 | \$ 238 | \$ 268 | \$ 298 |

MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

Fundraising Committee Meetings

The Fundraising Committee meets following worship on the 1st Sunday of the month. The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for:

Sunday, August 3rd at 12:15pm

Questions, please talk to
Sue Carpenter or-email
sue.carpenter@voya.com



Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?

Make a six night commitment this coming Autumn that will transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-depth look at six important New Testament letters and be forever changed!



October 15: Galatians

October 22: Ephesians

October 29: Philippians

November 5: Colossians

November 12: 1 Thessalonians

November 19: 2 Thessalonians



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**8th ANNUAL
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**TAILGATE
PARTY**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2014**

**Doors Open Drawing Begins
at 9 AM at 12 NOON**

**American Club
of Cosplay Pavilion
300 Cherry Street
Cosplay, PA 18037**

**TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 (non-refundable)
Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon**

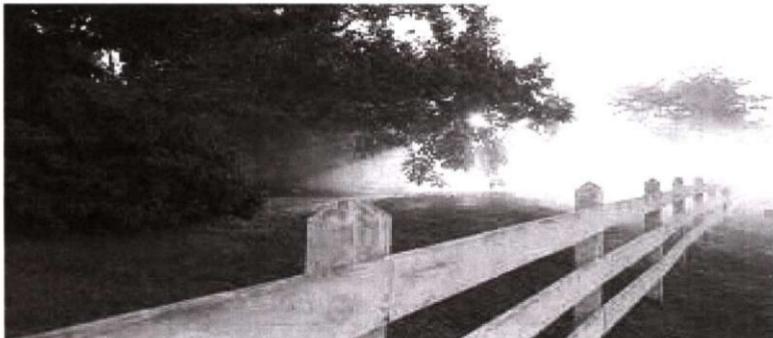
**To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)
Email: TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member**

**Personal checks at the door require photo ID
MasterCard and VISA accepted day of event**

**Over 100
Fabulous Prizes to Win!
Flat Screen LCD/HDTV
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All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:

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UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

8th Pentecost: August 3, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Exodus 31:12-17

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **“What A Sabbatical Is (And Isn’t)”**

9th Pentecost: August 10, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Luke 6:27-36 & 18:18-30

Preaching: Randy D’Angelo

Sermon Title: **“Anything But That”**

10th Pentecost: August 17, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 25:14

Preaching: Robert Schotter

Sermon Title: **“Giving Gifts”**

11th Pentecost: August 24, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Genesis 19:12-26 & Luke 17:26-33

Preaching: Randy D’Angelo

Sermon Title: **“Don’t Look Back”**

12th Pentecost: August 31, 2014

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **“Journey Through Matthew, Part I”**

13th Pentecost: September 7, 2014

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **“Journey Through Matthew, Part II”**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Psalm 104:24-35

O God, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good
things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of God endure for ever;

may God rejoice in the works of God —
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to God,
in whom I rejoice.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

| Date | Attendance | Giving |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 7/20/2014 | 72 | \$2,051.32 |
| 7/13/2014 | 92 | \$4,316.89 |
| 7/6/2014 | 82 | \$3,326.21 |
| 6/29/2014 | 91 | \$5,179.87 |

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